

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 137497

44

ORIGIN AF-04

INFO OCT-01 SS-14 ADP-00 EUR-10 NSC-10 NSCE-00 CIAE-00

INR-10 NSAE-00 RSC-01 L-02 IO-03 PRS-01 H-01 /057 R

DRAFTED BY AF/S:HKAISER:JK

EXT. 28432:7/13/73

APPROVED BY AF/S:JWFOLEY

AF/RA:PCWALKER (DRAFT)

EUR/IB:TGMARTIN (DRAFT)

EUR/WE:RPGALLAGHER (DRAFT)

AF/S:SMCDONALD

----- 078741

R 131701Z JUL 73

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY ROME

INFO AMEMBASSY LISBON

AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

AMCONSUL LUANDA

AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 137497

LIMDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, VT, PO, MZ, AO, XA

SUBJECT: TALKS BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND AFRICANS

REF.: ROME 6029

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES USEFUL REPORT GIVING VATICAN'S
CURRENT VIEWS ON PORTUGUESE AFRICA. SINCE VATICAN IS NOW
CONSIDERING STEPS IT MIGHT TAKE TO SUPPORT SEARCH FOR
SOLUTION TO PROBLEM OF PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES, DEPARTMENT
BELIEVES IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO FOLLOW UP CONVERSATION
WITH MONSEIGNEUR GASPARI, VATICAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER,
BY BRINGING TO ATTENTION OF VATICAN AUTHORITIES OUR
INTEREST AND EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 137497

2. ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS, WE HAVE MADE KNOWN TO THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT OUR VIEW THAT A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE PROBLEM IN THE PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES WOULD BE IN EVERYONE'S INTEREST, INCLUDING PORTUGAL. WE HAVE REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED OUR COMMITMENT TO SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE AFRICAN PEOPLES AND HAVE ENDORSED DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT AND ALL PARTIES CONCERNED. ASST. SECRETARY NEWSOM EXPLAINED U.S. VIEWS TO THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT WHEN HE MET WITH PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER PATRICIO LAST MARCH. ON THAT OCCASION, NEWSOM

STRESSED THAT CLEAR MOVEMENT TOWARD SELF-DETERMINATION IS NECESSARY IF TALKS WITH AFRICANS ARE TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

3. THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT HAS PUBLICLY REJECTED THE IDEA OF TALKS WITH THE INSURGENT GROUPS, BUT HAS INDICATED ITS WILLINGNESS TO HAVE COMMUNICATION WITH INDEPENDENT AFRICAN COUNTRIES OR WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY. THEY HAVE SPECIFIED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS THREE POINTS:

A. THE SITUATION IN THE PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES IN AFRICA AND THEIR DEVELOPMENT;

B. RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORING AFRICAN COUNTRIES;

C. THE GENERAL PROBLEMS OF AFRICA.

4. WE BELIEVE TALKS BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND AFRICANS ON SITUATION IN PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES COULD SERVE A USEFUL PURPOSE CLEARING AWAY SOME MISCONCEPTIONS ON BOTH SIDES AND KEEPING DOOR OPEN FOR FURTHER COMMUNICATION WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT. WOULD HOPE VATICAN MIGHT FIND OPPORTUNITY IN CONTACTS WITH AFRICAN LEADERS AS WELL AS PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT TO STRESS ADVANTAGE OF GETTING SOME SORT OF TALKS UNDERWAY. RUSH

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 13 JUL 1973
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: worrelsw
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973STATE137497
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: HKAISER:JK
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS FOLEY
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730734/aaaaazch.tel
Line Count: 98
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ORIGIN AF
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Reference: 73 : ROME 6029
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: worrelsw
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 14 SEP 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <14-Sep-2001 by rowellE0>; APPROVED <01 MAR 2002 by worrelsw>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: TALKS BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND AFRICANS
TAGS: PFOR, VT, PO, MZ, AO, XA
To: ROME
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005